

RECREATION, COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND OPEN SPACE SURVEY

The Town of Harpswell would like your input to help determine recreation facilities, program needs, community activities and open space priorities for our community. This survey will take about 10 – 15 minutes to complete. When you are finished, please return your survey via mail or drop off at the Town Office. We greatly appreciate your time.

GENERAL RECREATION QUESTIONS

1. Does the Town have sufficient recreation facilities and recreation programs?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know
2. Which of the following age groups do you think need more recreational programming?
☐ Pre-school
☐ Elementary
☐ Teen
☐ Adult
☐ Senior
☐ Don't know
3. Please check ALL of the following recreation facilities you and members of your household have used and have access to on a regular basis.
☐ Brunswick Naval Air Station
☐ Bowdoin College
☐ SAD 75 school facilities
☐ Bath YMCA
☐ Senior Center (People Plus Center)
☐ Maine Pines
☐ Androscoggin River Bicycle Path
☐ Harpswell facilities
☐ Other _____
4. If you are a boater, what is your primary boating access to the water or mooring?
☐ Your own shore access or dock
☐ Deeded rights to shore or dock
☐ Town landing or marina or use friend's
☐ Out-of-town facilities

DETAILED RECREATION QUESTIONS

PROGRAMS

5. Please indicate if you or other members of your household have participated in, favor, do not favor or are unaware of the following Town of Harpswell recreation programs offered during the past two years. (please check only one column for each program)

| CURRENT & RECENT PROGRAMS | Participated in this program in past 2 years | In favor of this program | Do not favor this program | Unaware of this program |
|---|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| A. Family & Lap Community Swim | | | | |
| B. Softball/baseball/T-ball | | | | |
| C. Adult basketball | | | | |
| D. Youth basketball | | | | |
| E. Summer swim lessons | | | | |
| F. Pee Wee soccer | | | | |
| G. Adult and family skiing & snowboarding | | | | |
| H. Adult photography classes | | | | |
| I. Youth music and movement | | | | |
| J. Youth kayaking | | | | |
| K. Adult kayaking | | | | |
| L. Youth karate | | | | |
| M Hunting safety courses | | | | |
| N. Hiking & outdoor skills | | | | |
| O. Harpswell Harriers cross country | | | | |
| P. Adult cooking classes | | | | |
| Q. Camp Harpswell | | | | |
| R. Youth art workshops | | | | |
| S. Adult art workshops | | | | |
| T. Town Office art displays | | | | |
| U. Hiking & walking trails | | | | |
| V. Fairy houses on the Cliff Trail | | | | |
| W. Adult health lectures/workshops | | | | |

6. Which **FOUR** of the programs listed in question #5 are most important to members of your household? (please write in the letters below for your 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th choices using the letters from the list in question #5 on previous page)

1st _____

2nd _____

3rd _____

4th _____

7. Please indicate if you or other members of your household would participate in, favor or not favor the following potential programs or ideas. (please check only one column for each program)

| FUTURE PROGRAM IDEAS OR "WISH LIST" | Would be interested in participating in this program | Would favor this program | Would not favor this program |
|---|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| A. Bird watching group | | | |
| B. Horseback riding group | | | |
| C. Dog training group | | | |
| D. Fishing, clamming or lobstering events | | | |
| E. Water safety classes | | | |
| F. Cross Country ski/snowshoe club | | | |
| G. Group bike rides | | | |
| H. Group hikes | | | |
| I. Writer's group | | | |
| J. Genealogy class | | | |
| K. Book club | | | |
| L. Astronomy club | | | |
| M. Community garden | | | |
| N. Dance activities | | | |
| O. Repairing bicycles/autos/ATV class | | | |
| P. Adult exercise class | | | |
| Q. Foreign language class | | | |
| R. Financial Investments group | | | |
| S. Computer classes | | | |
| T. School vacation camp for kids | | | |
| U. Other | | | |

8. Which **FOUR** of the programs listed in question #7 are most interesting to members of your household? (please write in the letters below for your 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th choices using the letters from the list in question #7 above)

1st _____

2nd _____

3rd _____

4th _____

FACILITIES

9. Please indicate if you or other members of your household have visited, used or experienced the following facilities or features. Note that many of these properties are owned and made accessible by organizations other than the Town (please check only one column for each program)

| CURRENT FACILITIES & FEATURES | Have visited, used or experienced and continue to support | Support this facility or area but have not used | Have no interest in this facility or feature |
|---|---|---|--|
| A. Truffant-Sumerton ball field (Rt. 24) | | | |
| B. Town landings | | | |
| C. School playgrounds and open space | | | |
| D. HNPEA tennis courts (Rt. 123 Harpswell Center) | | | |
| E. Hiking trails & walking routes | | | |
| F. Walking on roads | | | |
| G. Bicycling on roads | | | |
| H. Scenic views and vistas | | | |
| I. Open Space near your household | | | |
| J. Beaches | | | |
| K. Hunting areas | | | |
| L. Recreational fishing areas | | | |
| M. Ponds for Ice skating | | | |
| N. Cross country skiing trails | | | |
| O. Other _____ | | | |

10. Which **FOUR** of the facilities or features listed in question #9 are most important to members of your household? (please write in the letters below for your 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th choices using the letters from the list in question #9 above)

1st _____

2nd _____

3rd _____

4th _____

11. If Harpswell were to consider a central community center in Harpswell available for recreation classes (art, music, exercise, etc.), group gatherings (pre-school, teen, seniors, etc.) and general community use?

_____ (1) Very supportive

_____ (3) Not supportive

_____ (2) Somewhat supportive

_____ (4) Not sure

12. Trails & walking routes were identified as a high priority during the May 2002 Comprehensive Plan 'visioning' sessions. Please indicate what type of future trail facility or improvement is preferred by you and members of your household.

| TRAILS | Very Important | Somewhat Important | Not Important |
|---|----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| A. Hiking Trails – marked & improved paths in the forest and along the shore. (e.g. Long Reach Preserve) | | | |
| B. Nature Walks – less-developed open areas, shoreland and beaches for casual strolls. (e.g. Potts Pt. or Stover's Point beach) | | | |
| C. Shared-Use Paths – wide, hardened surface paths suitable for bicycles, baby strollers, wheelchairs, rollerblades, etc. (e.g. Mitchell Field) | | | |
| D. On-road accommodation – paved shoulders on busy roads for bicyclists and walkers. | | | |
| E. Community trails – local neighborhood paths for shore access and walking. Can access from your home without needing a car. | | | |

MITCHELL FIELD

13. How familiar are you or your household members with Mitchell Field (former Navy Fuel Depot)?

_____ Have been inside the fence and visited the property in the last two years.

_____ Generally familiar with the property but have not visited.

_____ Not sure where Mitchell Field is located.

14. At the March 2005 Town Meeting, a portion of Mitchell Field was designated for recreation and open space uses. Please indicate the importance for the following features at Mitchell Field. (please check only one column for each item)

| MITCHELL FIELD PROPERTY | Very Important | Somewhat Important | Not Important | Don't Know |
|---|----------------|--------------------|---------------|------------|
| A. Multi-purpose play field(s) | | | | |
| B. Baseball/softball field(s) | | | | |
| C. Outdoor ice skating rink | | | | |
| D. Skateboard park | | | | |
| E. Open fields for public use | | | | |
| F. Tennis courts | | | | |
| G. Beach access | | | | |
| H. Water access for boats | | | | |
| I. Playground | | | | |
| J. Improved-surface walking/skating route | | | | |
| K. Trails in the woods | | | | |
| M. Improved appearance of front gate area | | | | |
| N. Labyrinth | | | | |
| O. Paved area for basketball, shuffleboard, 4-square or street hockey | | | | |
| P. Volleyball court | | | | |
| Q. Horseshoe pits | | | | |
| R. Picnic tables and small pavilion | | | | |
| S. Senior center | | | | |
| T. Community center | | | | |
| U. Fishing pier | | | | |
| V. Par course/ exercise fitness stations | | | | |
| W. No development for recreation | | | | |
| X. Other: _____ | | | | |

15. Which FOUR of the facilities or features at Mitchell Field listed in question #14 are most important to members of your household? (please write in the letters below for your 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th choices using the letters from the list in question #14 above)

1st _____

2nd _____

3rd _____

4th _____

DETAILED OPEN SPACE QUESTIONS

16. Do you feel that there are enough parks, trails and open space in your area of town?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know

17. Please indicate your level of support for each of the following actions the Town of Harpswell could take by checking only one column for each statement.

| | Agree | Somewhat Agree | Disagree | Don't Know |
|--|-------|-------------------|----------|---------------|
| A. The Town should take an active role in preserving scenic vistas. | | | | |
| B. The Town should take an active role in preserving wildlife habitat and travel corridors. | | | | |
| C. The Town should strive to connect existing large open-space parcels. | | | | |
| D. The Town should take an active role in preserving the natural appearance of the shoreline. | | | | |
| E. The Town should strive to preserve smaller lots and community green spaces in village areas. | | | | |
| F. The Town should take an active role in preserving wetlands, streams and vernal pools. | | | | |
| G. The Town should identify existing trails and protect them for future use. | | | | |
| H. The Town should strive to protect the existing large undeveloped tracts of fields, woodlands and other natural resources. | | | | |
| I. There is enough conserved open space in Harpswell. | | | | |

PRIORITIES

18. You have 10 points to split amongst various options. Allocate your 10 points to as many or as few categories as you wish. Indicate your choice for the Town to invest in parks, recreation facilities and open space by placing a number from 0 to 10 next to the categories of your choice. (please be sure that your allocations add up to 10 points)?

- ☐ (A) Expand trails for walking, biking and linking recreation/open space.
☐ (B) Preserve important wildlife habitats, woodlands and wetlands.
☐ (C) Preserve scenic views and scenic areas.
☐ (D) Develop neighborhood parks and playgrounds.
☐ (E) Develop additional sports/athletic fields.
☐ (F) Develop or build a community center.
☐ (G) Improve water access (usage for boaters, beach access, deepwater access).
☐ (H) Do nothing.

10 Points Total

DEMOGRAPHICS

19. How many persons in your household (counting yourself) are?

Under 5 years 5 - 17 years 18 - 34 years 35 - 54 years 55 - 74 years 75+ years

20. Please check the ONE description below that best represents the location of your residence.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orr's Island | <input type="checkbox"/> Great Island (excl. Cundy's Harbor) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bailey Island | <input type="checkbox"/> Harpswell Neck (north) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cundy's Harbor | <input type="checkbox"/> Harpswell Neck (south) |

21. Please check the ONE description below that describes your living situation.

- ☐ Full-time resident
☐ Part-time resident

This concludes the Survey. We thank you for your time.

Please return your completed survey to the Town Office or mail it to: Recreation Department, Town of Harpswell, P. O. Box 39, Harpswell, ME 04079.

Note: If you were not aware of the Recreation Department program offerings listed in this survey, please contact the Recreation Department (833-5771) for more information or visit the Town website (www.harpswell.maine.gov) or stop by the Town Office for details.